

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH



Parish Office:

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Kansas City, MO 64111
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Office Hours:

Monday- Thurs.... 8:30AM- 4:00PM
Friday..... CLOSED

Parish Website:

guardianangelskc.org

Regardless of where you are from, your occupation, your family, your marital status, your personal history, your age, your background, your race, your ethnicity, your political affiliation, your religion, or your gender, **we are happy you are here with us today to worship!** We invite you to learn more about our parish and its activities by contacting our office, website or simply by mingling with our parishioners after mass.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:15 PM—3:45 PM

Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday..... 8:00 AM & 9:15* AM and 11:00 am
Tuesday..... 5:30 pm
Wednesday 12:15 pm
Thursday 8:15 am

*This Mass is a Solemn Mass (previously referred to as a High Mass).

December 29

**The Holy Family
Of
Jesus, Mary &
Joseph**



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 28

4:00 pm..... Paul Becka

Sunday, December 29

8:00 am..... Patricia Garcia

11:00 am..... Ruben Zaragoza

Tuesday, December 31—NO MASS



Wednesday, January 1

10:00 am..... Parishioners & Benefactors

Saturday, January 4

4:00 pm..... Mary Hirt

Sunday, January 5

8:00 am..... Patricia Garcia

11:00 am..... Ruben Zaragoza

PRAY FOR OUR SICK & MILITARY

Please pray for those who are sick or recuperating:

Shirley Andrade, Angela & Henry Barbosa, Mary Bartlett, Jeanne Boucek, Kelly and Joseph Chambers, Larry Clark, Aurora Davis, Nancy Dixon, Cathryn Dugan, Jose Padilla Enriques, Marie Furlong, Shawn Gaupp, Bill Getz, Charles Gurera, Sylvia Harral, Frankie Hernandez, Nick and Rita Hernandez, Adri Jordison, Freddie Juarez, Jackie Kallman, Mary Komoroski, Ermaline Lopez, Michael Lucas, Frankie Magana III, Michael McCunniff, Andy McEachron, Wendy McKellar, Harper McLean, Fr. Joe Miller, Cathy Norbury, James Norbury, Christopher Pacheco, Celia Padilla, Rose and Joe Padilla, Ashley Parton, Margaret Reid, Guadalupe Reyes, Valeria Ricu, Theo Stephen Ridenour, Teresa Rivera, Jessie Ruiz, Betty and Tom Ryan, Michael Schlueter, Kelli Seiler, Kathleen Stanton, Ben Studebaker, Genevieve Substine-Lewis, Marigene Suellentrop, Susan Tarwater, Warren Toms, Beverly Tumberger, Socorro Velo, Michael Weaver, Jacob Wiltse, Jim Wood and for all the sick and infirmed.

Please pray for those serving in the military:

Ryan Asbury (Air Force), Carlos Garcia III (Navy), Daniel Hitchcock (Army), Jonathan Hitchcock (Army), Stephen Hitchcock (Army), Nate Hitchcock (Army), Nick Malott, Michael Mathews (Army), Joe Penniston, James Reyes (Marines), Geoff Schultz (Air Force), Richard Sowders (Army), Bill Suellentrop (Army), Garrett Trowbridge (Army), Connor Wiltse (Air Force).

The Week Ahead.....

Activities typically scheduled during the week will resume in January.

Communion Service

Every Friday we have a communion service at 9:00 am in the Chapel, at the beginning of Adoration. Adoration on Fridays typically runs from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm.

Readings for the week of December 29, 2019

- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Monday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Wednesday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Food Pantry

Guardian Angels Parish is fortunate to have a food pantry to assist with the hungry in the Westport and Roanoke neighborhoods. We do utilize Harvester's for the bulk of our food items in our pantry, but we rely on the generosity of parishioners for both food and personal care items.

Current food needs: Com flakes or cheerios, dry or canned pasta, tomato sauce, canned corn, canned peas, canned fruit (packed in water), canned chicken or tuna.



Preschool Classes Suspended

There will be no Preschool classes on December 29th. Classes will resume January 5th, 2020.

Baking and Cooking Supplies

The St. Joseph’s Table will be Thursday, March 19.

We will begin baking cookies the latter part of January and will start gathering ingredients for baking and other items needed. Items needed include flour, sugar, pecans, butter, eggs and powdered sugar. Donations will gladly be accepted beginning in January. Items can be left in the parish office. Please mark the items, “St. Joseph Table”. More information to follow and mark your calendars!



Taizé: Prayer using Chant and Contemplative Silence

Jan. 2, 2020 7-8 p.m.
(and the first Thursday of every month)

Precious Blood Renewal Center
2120 Gaspar Way, Liberty, Missouri 64068

Taizé Prayer is sung, ecumenical community prayer. It originated with a monastic community in France and has spread to numerous spots around the world. The prayer service uses chant melodies and simple accompaniment along with moments of silence in a meditative atmosphere, to allow the finger of God to touch one’s soul.

Learn more or RSVP <https://www.pbrenewalcenter.org/events-news/> or call 816-415-3745

Parish Financial Support

December 22, 2019

Envelopes..... \$2,089.00
Plate \$585.00
Total for the weekend..... \$2,674.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Seeking Furniture

We are seeking single bed frames, single person desks and chairs, for use in our old convent building. There is an opportunity for Guardian Angels to rent rooms within this building to nursing students. No mattresses are needed, just the bed frames. If you have one of these items you can donate, please call the parish office and we will make arrangements to pick it up. Many thanks.

Homebound

If you know of homebound or hospitalized parishioners within the Guardian Angels community, please contact the office. We want to make sure we are tending to parishioners needs to the best of our abilities.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society, Guardian Angels men's group, will be having their Christmas party on 12/28 after the 4 PM mass at the home of Denis and Brandi Schmidt (5700 Rockhill Rd, Kansas City, MO). All current and former members are invited with their families as well as anyone wanting more information on what the men's group does throughout the year.



We would like to extend a warm welcome to new members of the Guardian Angels family.

Fred and Cathy Ford
Remi Gavlick

Pope Francis Urges Vatican Officials to Embrace Change

Pope Francis warned on Saturday (12/21) that "rigidity" in living out the Christian faith is creating a "minefield" of hatred and misunderstanding in a world where Christianity is increasingly irrelevant.

Francis called for Vatican bureaucrats to embrace change during his annual Christmas greetings to the cardinals, bishops and priests who work in the Holy See.

Francis' message appeared aimed at conservative and traditionalist Catholics, including within the Vatican, who have voiced increasing opposition to his progressive-minded papacy. Their criticisms have accelerated over the past year,

amid Vatican financial and sex abuse scandals that may have predated Francis' papacy but are nevertheless coming to light now.

"Today we are no longer the only ones that produce culture, no longer the first nor the most listened to," Francis told the prelates. "The faith in Europe and in much of the West is no longer an obvious presumption but is often denied, derided, marginalized and ridiculed."

As a result, he urged the Catholic hierarchy to embrace the necessary pastoral reforms and outlook that will make the church attractive so that it can fulfill its mission to spread the faith.

Reflection from Fr. Ed

May God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favor and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.
– Solemn Blessing of Christmas

Beloved,

A lot of people believe things will better when they get to heaven. I suppose I believe that, too. However, we should remember that the purpose of the incarnation was to bring heaven and earth together and make them one. That is the foundation of all the Sacraments of the Church. In every Sacrament heaven and earth come together and become one. Every Sacrament has an earthly element through which a heavenly grace is given.

In the Sacrament of Baptism, through the earthly elements of water and oil the heavenly graces of adoption and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit are given.

In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, through the earthly elements of bread and wine, the heavenly graces of the body, blood, soul, and divinity are Christ are given.

In the Sacraments of Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders, through the earthly elements of oil and the laying on of hands, the heavenly grace of the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to fulfill God's call and purpose are given.

In the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, through the earthly elements of human consent and intimacy, the heavenly grace of triune unity is given, where husband, wife, and the abiding presence of God are bound together in love and imbued with the creative power of life.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the earthly element and the heavenly grace come together as the words of the priest, speaking in the person of Christ (in persona Christi) "I absolve you," forgives sins and heals fear and shame.

What keeps us from realizing the power of these graces is the fear or pride that prevent us from living in complete submission to God in our lives. The saints have given us examples to follow. But, since so many of them were beheaded or burned at the stake or lived in poverty or ridicule, I can understand the reaction of fear. But they also lived in unspeakable joy.

This year, as we receive this solemn priestly blessing, let us come to God in humble submission and live in the flow of God's power and purpose in all we do.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ed

Procedures, Sacraments and Information for Guardian Angels Parish

Baptism

Contact Fr. Ed in the parish office after your baby is born, in order to schedule the baptismal class and the date of the baptism.

Confirmation, Eucharist & Reconciliation

Preparation for this sacrament is offered yearly. Contact the parish office for more information.

Funeral

Contact the parish office at the time of the death.

Marriage

Please contact Fr. Ed in the office, preferably nine months before your proposed marriage date. Note that it is wise not to make other arrangements until you know your wedding date is available here at our church. Guardian Angels does have a wedding planner for an additional cost, please let us know if you are interested in this service.

Penance

Saturday afternoon between 3:15 and 3:45 pm.

Religious Education

Sessions for children and families are held monthly. Contact Sr. Linda in the parish office for more information.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

This process is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Sr. Linda Barringer at the parish office for information on this process.

Sick or Hospitalized

Contact the parish office when your loved one is sick or admitted to the hospital.

Parish Hall Rental

Parishioners who have been registered for one year or more, should contact the parish office for rental information.

School Cafeteria Rental

Contact the parish office for availability and cost.

Bulletin Announcements

Items to be included in the bulletin need to be sent to Kate Riha in the parish office no later than Monday before that Sunday's intended inclusion date. Announcements are subject to approval.

Newcomers

Registration Forms are located in the literature holders in the back and at the north entrance to the church. When completed, these can be returned to the parish office or placed in the collection baskets at Mass. Welcome!

Mass Intentions

Please call the office during business hours.

Our Lady of Hope Catholic School

(next door to Guardian Angels on Mercier)
Mary Delac, Principal. Mary's email is mdelac@olhkcmo.org
4232 Mercier, Kansas City, MO 64111
Office: (816) 931-1693; Fax: (816) 931-6713
Our Lady of Hope is a Deanery school, not a parish school (it is made up of six parishes).

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the parish office if you or a loved one is ill or if you have surgery scheduled, to arrange for an anointing.

Quinceanera

Please contact the office nine (9) months in advance to schedule a preparation class.

Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911,
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who purchased gifts for the individuals on our Giving Tree. Your kindness and generosity are a gift.

Scam Alert

Criminals are scanning church websites for priest's names and email addresses, then sending fake emails asking for help. If you receive an email from any priest or church staff member asking you for monetary help, please contact the church office immediately. Do not reply to the email or send any money.



If you need a ride to Mass, please contact Kate in the Parish Office and let her know your name, address and which mass you wish to attend. If you can assist with bringing a person to Mass, please also call Kate and

give her your name and let her know which mass you attend. The parish office phone is (816) 931-4351.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 1

10:00 amMass for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, January 7

6:30 pmPastoral Council in Parish Office

Thursday, January 16

6:00 pmBunko

Tuesday, January 21

6:00 pmGreen Team in Parish Office

Monday, January 27

7:00pmControversies in the Catholic Church
In the Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 28

6:30 pmFinance Council in Parish Office

Tuesday, February 18

6:00 pmGreen Team Meeting in Parish Office

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